



ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 29, AD 2023
11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Scott Graham

Prelude

Magnolia Strings

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

Adapted from John 3

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son.
That whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world.
But in order that the world might be saved through him.

Yet people loved darkness more than the light.
They did not come into the light, lest their hearts be exposed.

But we are not those who shrink back into the dark.
**We come boldly to the light of Christ's grace,
To lift our voices in praise for so great a love.**

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 76 "O for a Thousand Tongues"

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***Blessing God**

***Scriptural Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Gracious Father, I stand amazed anew at your grace. Again this week, I have learned how desperately I have need of you! I bend the knee of my heart, casting myself on your kindness. For I have sinned, O Father, I have sinned. I acknowledge my transgressions. Apart from you I have no good. In myself, I am lost. On my face in shame, beyond hope, I hear your voice. You call my name and say, "Take heart. Your sins are forgiven." I rise from the darkness and walk, rejoicing, into your light.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response**

SAGINA

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night.
Thine eye difused a quick'ning ray: I woke - the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me!**

***Greeting and Announcements**

Children Kindergarten and younger may go to Children's Church.

Offertory

"God So Loved the World" by John Stamer

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,
That whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world;
But that the world, through him, might be saved.

Please place your prayer requests and offerings in the plate as it is passed.

***Response Doxology**

REGENT SQUARE

**Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might and One in glory while unending ages run.**

***Prayer of Dedication**



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

John 3: 16-21

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

The secret things belong to the LORD our God.

But what has been revealed belongs to us, and to our children forever.

That we may do all the words of this law.

Sermon

Gerrit Dawson

“Lured Out of the Dark”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 87 “May Jesus Christ Be Praised” (vs. 1, 3, 4, 6)

LAUDES DOMINI

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
And born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.



BENEDICTION

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*Response

Blessed be the LORD I AM, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, amen!

Postlude

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Prayer Time: Join us at 10.10 am each Sunday for additional prayer in the Prayer Room (just to the left of the elevator in the Sanctuary building). One or more pastors/elders, along with others willing to intercede on your behalf, will welcome you.

The Chapel and Sanctuary flowers serve to honor a departed loved one or celebrate with thanksgiving cherished people or events. If you would like to donate flowers for a particular Sunday, please contact Kathy Mullins at 603.4735.

Scripture for Next Week: John 4: 1-18

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome. We are glad you're here. If you are visiting with us, please use the Visitor Card in the pew racks, our church app (FPCBR in the App Store) or online at fpibr.org/connect.

Prayer Requests. We'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to prayer@fpibr.org, through the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

Stay-Treat This Weekend! You won't want to miss our stellar team of presenters that will lead us to consider five treasures of the person of Jesus revealed in John. Join us Friday night, February 3 and Saturday morning, February 4. There's even a kids track! Use the QR code below or visit fpibr.org to register.

Get Your Mutt Blessed! The "Jurassic Bark" Crewe of Mutts parade passes down North Blvd. Sunday, February 5. Join Scott Graham, and his sheepadoodle Schubert, in front of the Sanctuary beginning at 12.30 pm to have your dog blessed!

So Loved Parents' Night, February 9. Parents of So Loved (birth-PreK) children, it's your turn for a Parents' Social! Join us for a laid-back evening with other parents in the same stage of life on Thursday, February 9. No agenda; just fellowship and food! We'll meet from 6 to 8 pm at Hattie and Jonathan Guidry's (1401 Knottaway Drive, St. Gabriel). Please bring a dessert or bottle of wine to share. Appetizers and finger food will be provided. RSVP to Jessica (jessica@fpibr.org).

Men's Ministry Fly-Fishing Trip. Men's Ministry has confirmed March 2-5 for a Fly-Fishing Spiritual retreat. QR Code is below or visit fpibr.org for details.

"Journey" Class at the Chapel. "Journey: God's Heart for the Nations" is a limited edition missions course offered at The Chapel-LSU. Come learn about God's plan for all the nations through all of Scripture. The course is similar to Perspectives but more condensed and meets Sundays, February 5-March 26, 12.30 pm to 3 pm. More information is online (chapelbr.com).

Daily Lent Emails. The first words of Jesus in the Gospel of John are just such an invitation: "Come and see." Something has happened. Come and see. Our 2023 Lent study focuses on Jesus' interactions with people in John's Gospel. Printed books will be distributed Sunday, February 19. You may also sign up for the daily emails by visiting fpibr.org. Emails begin Saturday, February 25.

Calling All Artists! We are inviting you to create works to be displayed as a part of our Lent celebration. The theme of this year's study is "Come and See: Asking Jesus in the Gospel of John." Please contact Emily Viguerie with questions and details (emily@fpibr.org).

Mentor & Prayer Partner Appreciation Month. Kids Hope USA wishes to honor and thank you for pouring into the children at Gardere Community Christian School. The kids and teachers so appreciate the difference you make! Additional mentors are needed. Please contact Annette Lamond (annette@fpibr.org) for information on how to become a mentor.

Lost and Found Clean Out. It's time to clean out the Lost and Found box in the Sanctuary building. Please be sure to check for lost items today. Any unclaimed items will be "shared" with Purple Cow or thrown away.



Stay-Treat Code



Fishing Code